

Please oppose S.B. # 16

Once again, the legal gun owners of this state are under attack.

I'm opposed to extending the list of banned firearms. Every few years, this state keeps adding firearms that are in common use to the already long list.

Banning firearms, firearm features, banning 28-year-old firearms is not the answer to decreasing illegal firearms in Connecticut.

And calling for more registration legislation? DESPP/SFLU doesn't even have enough staff to process carry permit renewal within 6 months.

"Ghost guns" and "2022 Assault Weapons"

These are made-up terms for guns that are not any deadlier than any other firearm. Previously, you had grandfathered any made before 2019. Why the change?

How many "ghost guns" or "assault weapons" have been used in crimes? Isn't it much easier and prevalent for prohibited persons to steal or buy ordinary weapons versus these "scary" sounding weapons?

I blame the lax enforcement of EXISTING laws for ANY presence or increase in crimes committed with firearms. Rather than come up with MORE laws, why not prosecute the felons, especially those recidivists?

Restrictions to Carrying

Are you aware of the push for this section of the bill? Newtown Action Alliance has tried repeatedly to ban the open carrying of firearms at rallies and demonstrations, claiming that they were "threatened" by Second Amendment advocates. Time and time again, this was defeated at the local level with NO evidence of any disturbance or even a police report. Surely you can recall that CCDL has had numerous rallies outside the Capital with firearms in plain sight. Zero instances of crimes or violence.

The restriction to carrying on public transport would greatly impact the lower class citizens of this state and their ability to defend themselves. With the rise in crime around the country we are seeing an increase of crimes being committed on or in public transit areas. Neighborhood scout says that every 1 in 558 people in this state will be a victim of a violent crime. Our current laws are already very restrictive for self defense and adding these new restrictions would put these people at an ever greater risk of being in danger.

I ask that you NOT Support Governor Lamont's attack on the over 300,000 lawful firearm permit holders of Connecticut.

In addition, I also OPPOSE H.B. No. 5416 – AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

I SUPPORT Raised S.B. No. 388 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

I SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5415 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND STANDARD CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

I SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5412 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Respectfully submitted,

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